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**Subject:** FW: Safety Measures to Combat Aerosol Spread of Covid-19 in Schools

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To: Charlene Mckay < Charlene. Mckay @sd68.bc.ca>

Subject: Safety Measures to Combat Aerosol Spread of Covid-19 in Schools

Dear Ms. McKay,

I am writing to express my concern regarding the inadequacy of existing safety measures to combat aerosol spread of Covid in schools.

For the protection of students and staff, there should be HEPA filters and CO2 monitors in classrooms, medical or N95 masks, prompt notification to parents of exposures in classrooms, and hybrid or online learning to reduce capacity in schools.

We are headed for a huge spike in Covid infections that could overwhelm hospitals. Schools are the largest and most frequent mass gatherings in the community and hygiene measures are not enough to curb Omicron's rapid spread.

Thank you to you and the Board for your hard work on behalf of the community. Best wishes for the new year.

Kind Regards,
Virginia Reid
Nanaimo, BC

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